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## CONFERENCE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

It is related that while Michael Angelo was decorating the Sistine Chapel his work elicited comparatively little praise from his associates, was the object of criticism by his enemies and of indifference by the casual passerby. None realized the magnitude of his work or the wondrous beauty of his artistry until the task had been completed, the scaffolding removed, the accessories cleared away.

Much the same might be said regarding the work of the Conference for Limitation of Armament. Although it lasted but the short space of three months, public attention wearied, critics multiplied and became more caustic, and even many of the friends of the movement became discouraged. This was because the stupendous task being performed by that conference was concealed and confused by a multitude of details and the confusion of discussions. But now that the scaffolding has been cleared away and the completed accomplishments of the conference stand forth, it is conceded by all true Americans, and by the world, that no body of men ever accomplished more toward the peace of the world, the upliftment of mankind and the elevation of responsible public opinion than did these men who officially composed the Armament Conference.

Of so momentous and stupendous a work pages and volumes will be written, so that it is impossible to embrace within the confines of a few sentences a just review of its tasks. However a few salient points may be set down in passing.

First, was the assurance given upon the opening day by President Harding, who called the conference, that, "This is not a council of nations seeking to remake mankind," but a convention of the leading powers for the purpose of applying the better attributes of mankind to the pressing problems of the day,—a conference called by the United States of America, because, as he stated, "We only wish to do with you that finer, nobler thing which no nation can do alone."

Co-ordinate with this was the very definite program placed before it by the United States, which called it, a program to which it was firmly held by its chairman, Secretary Hughes. Upon its opening day its feet were placed in the straight path of duty that led to definite results by the specific and detailed statement regarding disarmament made by its chairman, Secretary Hughes.

In so far as this and other nations were concerned, another large contributing factor to the success of the conference was the fact, as the President stated in his address on the closing day of the conference, that no nation was asked at any time to surrender any of its sovereignty, impair its nationality, or do anything that would humble its national pride. No intrigue was proposed, no offensive involvements were suggested. It was a conference of equal sovereigns, discussing means by which they could mutually work to serve the common cause of humankind.

In so far as the United States alone is concerned, the conference was a success because it was backed by the people and because at every stage of its progress and in every day of its duration the public was apprised of what the conference had done and what it contemplated doing on the morrow. In short, there was no secrecy. As a corollary to this, the President placed upon the official American delegation two representatives of the United States Senate, that branch of the government co-ordinate with him in the making and the conclusion of any binding foreign agreement. He went even further, in that one of these selections represented that political party which is opposed to the administration.

Virtually all the history of the conference was given to the world from day to day, nor did that frank publicity end with the adjournment of the conference, for on its final day it made provision for the publication of all the records in connection with the conference and the complete minutes of each day's session. This will be given to the world as soon as it is made up, so that the world may know why decisions were made and why some proposals failed; who was to blame, to whom belongs the credit. There will be no aftermath of "steel boxes" of secret memoranda to serve a base and partisan purpose, to begot the truth, to prejudice public opinion and to aggrandize a few individuals.

## "COMPETENT" SPELLS SUCCESS

A financial periodical remarks that George B. Cortelyou got his big chance because he was a competent stenographer. Note that it was not because he was a stenographer, but because he was a competent stenographer. He is now president of the Consolidated Gas Company, of New York. Cortelyou was a stenographer in one of the Departments at Washington during the Cleveland administration when one day there was an emergency call for someone to take dictation at the White House. Because he was competent, Cortelyou was sent. He stayed because Cleveland liked his work. He worked up to private secretary to McKinley, held a similar position under Roosevelt, and was made Secretary of Commerce, Postmaster General and Secretary of the Treasury. His record is by no means an isolated one. Jay Gould was a competent peanut vendor. Jim Hill was a competent laboring man. Warren G. Harding was a competent typesetter. Senator Cummins was a competent railroad surveyor. Congressman Madden was a competent water boy in a stone quarry. John T. Adams was a competent apprentice in a planing mill. Charles H. Markham was a competent section hand on the railroad. Howard Elliott was a competent chain carrier in a surveying crew. Each and all of them were competent for the work they were doing, and something a little more difficult, with the result that whenever any of the higher-ups called for someone in an emergency, one of these men was sent, and kept. They were called higher and higher, always keeping themselves competent. Being a stenographer, or a peanut vendor, or a typesetter, or a water boy, is of little consequence unless the word "competent" is necessary in describing the qualifications. The competent man is bound to succeed, the incompetent doomed to failure. Being competent is the result of hard work combined with clear thinking.

## RIVERDALE

Merle Forquer has returned from spending the past month in Texas. Mrs. Jessie LaPaugh has been spending the past two weeks with her son, Forrest, and wife, of near Blanchard.

Dr. E. M. Highfield was in Alma Thursday attending the County Medical Society meeting.

Mrs. John Hall has returned home after spending several weeks in Ithaca, a guest of Dr. and Mrs. Budge. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leiter entertained relatives from Six Lakes last week.

Mrs. George LaPaugh has been unable to teach for some time on account of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Reid and daughter, Margaret, of Davison, visited relatives in this vicinity last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fisher spent Saturday near Sumner, guests of their son, Harry, and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Sturtevant and children spent Sunday with Mrs. John Holland southwest of town.

Jack Mohlo was in Ithaca last week Wednesday evening on business.

Wm. Stacey is on the sick list. Mrs. Laurel Welch and children spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Erskin, of near Vestaburg.

Miss Pauline Reed has returned to Battle Creek after being a guest at the home of Mrs. Cora Nunn.

Mrs. H. E. Wylie has returned to her home at West Reading, after spending the past two months with her mother, Mrs. Mary Hyde, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Graham of Rosebush were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Laurel Welch last Friday.

Owen Otto had the misfortune to injure his foot quite badly while working in the woods last week.

Mrs. John Hall, south of town, was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Lee Houck, last Tuesday.

Walter Harrison was in Alma Tuesday on business.

Mrs. J. E. Schnepf has been entertaining relatives from near Wheeler the past week.

W. N. Gilbert of Bay City was in town Tuesday on business.

Richard Hudson was in Alma Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Whitney of St. Louis is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Bradley.

Smith Davis north of town, who has been very ill for some time, was taken to Grand Rapids last Wednesday for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Jerome and son of Alma were over Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Jerome, northwest of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Mallory and little son, north of Elwell, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Horton.

James Schnepf and son, Clark, were in Lansing last week.

Leo Stacey, who is attending Ferris Institute at Big Rapids, spent over Sunday with his parents north of town.

Mrs. Albert Schnepf has returned from Ann Arbor.

Dr. E. M. Highfield was in Ithaca Thursday on business.

Mrs. Charlie Green visited at the home of Mrs. Richard Lang of Sumner over last Sunday.

Karl Payne of Perrinton has been the guest of D. D. Snider the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fisher visited relatives at Crystal last week.

Miss Ruth VanAlstine of Flint spent over Sunday with her parents in Riverdale.

Miss Louise Mauterstock has returned to Six Lakes after visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Fred Leiter, for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Bert Hagerman of Alma spent last Tuesday with her daughter, Mrs. Bernice Gould, northeast of town.

Mrs. E. M. Highfield spent Wednesday in Alma, a guest of Mrs. T. J. FOUR no D.F. WGS

The Pedro party given by the Re-Carney.

John Young was ill for several days last week, and during his absence Mrs. Paul Bywater assisted with the mail at the post office.

Walter VanLeuven visited relatives at Alma Thursday.

Dr. and Mrs. Highfield entertained the following guests at a "500" party Friday evening: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leiter, and their guest, Miss Louise Mauterstock of Six Lakes, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mohlo, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Hopkins, and the Misses Tella Van Alstine and Catherine Cummings.

Mrs. James Van Cleve visited her daughter, Mrs. Ed. Freed, of Isabella county, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schaffer visited relatives at Alma Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Valance spent Sunday near Vestaburg, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cash Erskin.

Miss Katherine Cummings spent Sunday with her parents at Vestaburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Sturtevant and children spent Sunday with Mrs. John Holland southwest of town.

George Allen of Wheeler was a business caller in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Julia Rice has returned from her four weeks visit with her son, Charlie Rice, of Pontiac.

Mrs. Carrie Williams and Mrs. Ervin Ditto and little daughter, Jane, visited friends in Alma Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Hopkins and Mr. and Mrs. D. Hindell were Alma callers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Schnepf visited relatives at Forest Hill last week.

Miss Edith Rice and Master Marion Rice of Pontiac are visiting at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Julia Rice.

Mrs. E. M. Highfield spent Monday with Mrs. Ervin Ditto west of town.

Why is The Foolish Age?—advertisement

## SUMNER

Dr. E. M. Highfield of Riverdale was a professional caller in town on Monday.

Mrs. William Price was a Riverdale caller Monday.

Bert Forquer was on the sick list last week.

W. I. Miller of Riverdale was in Sumner Monday and Tuesday tuning pianos and giving lessons.

Mr. Stone and son, Stanton, were in Mt. Pleasant on business Tuesday.

Mrs. Samuel Cleverdon and Lyle Black transacted business in Alma and St. Louis Tuesday.

Mrs. R. C. Holcomb and son, Kenneth, were Ithaca callers Tuesday afternoon.

Stanton Stone and friend from Saginaw came Tuesday to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stone.

Wm. Devall delivered a load of potatoes to Forest Hill Tuesday.

Mrs. Cleve Hankins who has been living in Cedar Springs for the past year has returned to make her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Stine and children were in Alma on business Tuesday.

Fred Cook transacted business in Saginaw Tuesday.

Frank Hicks of Alma and Elmer McClellan of Carson City called on friends here Wednesday.

Moward Parker was an Alma caller Tuesday afternoon.

F. J. Tucker of Alma called at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Tucker, Wednesday.

Mrs. L. C. Woodard and Mrs. Thos. Lang were guests of Mrs. Ackley Ward of Elm Hill Thursday, the occasion being the meeting of Elm Hill, Riverdale and Sumner aid societies at her home.

Mrs. Wm. Phillips, who has been quite ill for some time, is slowly improving.

The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stafford are ill with scarlet fever.

Mrs. Emily Wolford is quite ill at her home east of town.

Mr. Broadwater left for Ann Arbor Friday where he will undergo an operation for cancer.

Allen Helman of New Haven was a Sumner caller Wednesday.

beakah Wednesday night was well attended. After supper dancing was indulged in and all enjoyed a fine time.

Mrs. I. F. Tucker is confined to her home with a severe case of eczema.

Little Agnes Rexford was sick last week.

George Clow of Alma came Friday to spend a few days with his father, H. A. Clow.

John Seaman, Henry Lang and Roy Brecht took in the auto show at Detroit this week.

Miss Loretta Stone left Saturday to visit friends in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Ernest Conner went to Elgin Hall Saturday to help care for "Grandma Conner," who is very ill at the home of her son, Wm. Conner.

There will be a "warm sugar" social given by the Lady Macabees at the K. O. T. M. hall Saturday evening, Feb. 25, at which time the sofa pillow will be given away.

Earl Shuttleworth and Will Seifert of New Haven were Sumner callers Wednesday.

A farewell party was given to the Lawrence Donahue family Friday evening they soon move to their new home near Butternut. Refreshments were served and a good time enjoyed by all.

Mrs. F. E. McClenahan and sons, Melvin and Howard, were in Alma on business Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lang entertained Mrs. Chas. Green of Riverdale Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lang of Carson City called on friends here Saturday.

Chas. Reid and Alfred Stearns of Ferris are hauling ice from the pond this week. The ice is the second cutting and is seventeen inches thick.

Chas. Jolly and Ben Pugsley attended a sale north of Elwell Friday.

## VESTABURG

Miss Amy Barger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Barger of Lake City, and Frank Hamlin, son of Mrs. Anna Hamlin of Vestaburg, sprang a surprise on their friends by going to Stanton, Michigan, Tuesday, February 14, and being quietly married by John Nickerson, Justice of the Peace.

The happy couple were accompanied to Stanton by Charles Marlin. The bride has made several friends during her short time in Vestaburg while the bridegroom who is a long and highly respected citizen of Vestaburg has a large circle of friends, about 75 of whom gathered together and gave them a very pleasant surprise reception upon their return to Vestaburg where they will make their home.

Rev. E. Hendricks who has been secured as pastor to take charge of the pastorate duties of the Church of Christ of Vestaburg, will hold his first services here Sunday, March 5. There will be preaching services both morning and evening as Rev. Hendricks has been secured to preach in this church for at least a year, which will be pleasing news to the community.

Rev. and Mrs. Hendricks and son will reside in the residence owned by Dr. Hubbard at the west of his drug store.

Mrs. Conley Stauffer and daughter spent Saturday in Stanton with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Miel.

Little Jack Platt Throop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Throop, passed away on Monday, February 13, at the farm home of his parents south of Vestaburg. He was born at Vestaburg on January 17, 1918, and lived to be four years and 27 days old. His

death was caused by pneumonia. He is survived by his father and mother and baby brother, Rex, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Throop, and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Platt and family of Vestaburg beside numerous other relatives and friends. Rev. J. D. Tanner of Vestaburg conducted the funeral services which were held at the home on Wednesday forenoon, February 15, at two o'clock. Interment in Richland township cemetery near Vestaburg.

Wm. White and son, Mark White, and wife and daughter, Mrs. Frank Corder, and her husband were called to Vicksburg to attend the funeral on Thursday, February 16, of Douglas Worthy.

Mrs. Mark White entertained the Union Aid Society at her farm home northeast of Vestaburg on Wednesday 15, at an all day meeting. Forty-six partook of the bounteous dinner served at noon, the Aid members assisting the hostess in furnishing and serving according to the custom of this aid society.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Caris entertained the former's cousin, Tom Hemminger and other friends of Cedar Springs Monday.

Mrs. Dexter of Cedar Springs, a former Vestaburg resident, was here Monday.

## NORTHWEST SEVILLE

A. Decker and G. Nonemacher were in Alma Saturday on business.

Howard Kennedy's team of horses was sold at auction Monday afternoon.

T. Parker spent Sunday at W. Tyman's.

Carl Hill was in Riverdale Saturday.

Dr. Highfield was called to see Mrs. E. Freed Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Vancleve who live near Riverdale visited at E. Freed's Saturday.

Word was received in this neighborhood Tuesday of the death of Hubbard Biggs, which occurred at the home of his nephew at West Branch. The body was taken to Detroit for burial Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Loomis also V. Dickinson and wife attended the funeral of Mrs. Fred Greenman Tuesday afternoon.

Lee Loomis and wife visited at the home of Raymond Loomis of Montcalm county Sunday.

G. Nonemacher and wife and children took dinner with V. Dickinson on Sunday.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our many friends and neighbors for their kindly assistance during the sickness and death of our beloved husband and father, also to thank Rev. Shouffer for his kind words, Mrs. J. McKenzie for her beautiful solos, and those who sent the floral offerings.

Mrs. Eli Agersinger and family.

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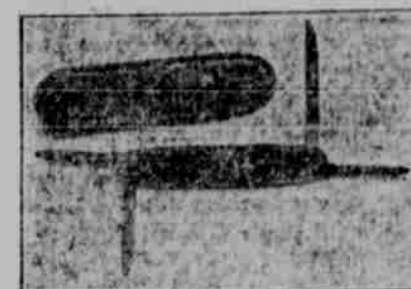
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U. S. MANUFACTURERS LOSE CUSTOMERS  
AND U. S. WORKMEN LOSE THEIR JOBS  
BUT THE CONSUMER PAYS PROFITEERS

CHAIRMAN FORDNEY, of the Ways and Means Committee of the United States House of Representatives, exhibited the knives photographed above to Congress. One cost nine cents in Germany; the other five dollars in Chicago.

A few days later a Chicago importing firm stated that the knife No. 2 cost twenty-five times nine cents and that it was bought in America. The Chicago firm bought the knife, which was manufactured by J. A. Henckels in Germany, from the American agent of that firm. The Chicago store paid \$2.40 for it according to their own testimony giving the Chicago store a profit of more than 100 per cent, but the German Importer in New York who bought it for nine six-tenths cents in Germany and sold it for \$2.40 "cleaned up" \$2.30 on the deal. The consumer, according to Mr. Fordney, paid the bill.

Testimony before the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives shows that Paris hats, which cost \$3 in American money in France, are selling here as high as \$22.50; fine steel-cut buttons, costing 24 cents per dozen, are selling for \$2.00 per dozen. This is possible because the present tariff law provides that imported articles shall be subject to duty on their value in foreign money, and foreign money has dropped far below par so that the government is losing millions of dollars per day in revenue and the public is paying profiteering prices.

Chairman Fordney declares that the remedy is in the tariff bill now before the U. S. Senate. It provides that imported articles must pay duty on their value in this country. This is called "American valuation." Supporters of this bill say that importers and mail order houses are spending more than one million dollars to defeat it because it means death to their huge profits.

These adherents of American valuation also point out that never has such a fight been waged in Washington against a bill in Congress as is being waged against the Fordney tariff bill.

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